



## RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2611

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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SANO et al.

Art Unit: 2611

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Examiner: H. Lonsberry

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**Introductory Comments** 

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Director of the U.S. PTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Technology Center 2600

May 20, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, the period for response being extended from February 21, 2004 until May 21, 2004 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-titled application as follows: